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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová
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Draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections
(2019/2028(BUD))

Amendment 1
Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Recalls that ***effective and carefully considered employment policy enhancements reflecting demographic and automation challenges, accompanied by well-targeted investment strategies and responsible fiscal policies, continue to be an important precondition for sustainable growth which is the key factor leading to quality employment and boosting upward social convergence;***

Amendment

1. Recalls that ***sustainable growth, well-targeted investment and fiscal policy are the key to creation of quality jobs and increased prosperity for all and that it is necessary to direct the structural funds and investments more effectively towards promoting inclusive growth, reducing inequalities and boosting upward social convergence;***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Yana Toom, Anna Júlia Donáth, Sylvie Brunet, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Recalls that effective and ***carefully considered*** employment policy enhancements ***reflecting*** demographic and automation challenges, accompanied by well-targeted investment strategies and responsible fiscal policies, continue to be an important precondition for sustainable growth which is the key factor leading to quality employment and boosting upward social convergence;

Amendment

1. Recalls that effective and ***socially inclusive*** employment policy enhancements ***need to take into account the*** demographic and automation challenges ***and the challenges posed by the EU's commitment to decarbonisation; stresses that such enhancements,*** accompanied by well-targeted investment strategies and responsible fiscal policies, continue to be an important precondition for sustainable growth which is the key factor leading to quality employment and boosting upward social convergence;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Dura Ferrandis, Pierfrancesco Majorino, Elisabetta Gualmini, Nicolas Schmit, Agnes Jongerius

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Amendment

1. Recalls that effective and carefully considered **social and** employment **policies**, reflecting **socio-economic, demographic and automation challenges and macro-economic imbalances among Member States**, accompanied by well-targeted investment strategies, continue to be an important precondition for sustainable growth which is the key factor leading to quality employment and boosting upward social convergence;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Guido Reil

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Recalls that effective and carefully considered employment policy enhancements reflecting demographic and automation challenges, accompanied by well-targeted investment strategies and responsible fiscal policies, continue to be an important precondition for sustainable growth which is the key factor leading to quality employment and boosting social **progress in the individual Member States**;

Or. de

Amendment 5
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
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Or. It

Amendment 6
José Manuel Fernandes

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Or. pt

Amendment 7
Katrin Langensiepen

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Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Rejects any reductions to the budgetary programming for the employment, social affairs and inclusion lines and recalls that a proper balance between commitment and payment appropriations must be found in order to allow these policies to reach their full potential;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Sandra Pereira, Marc Botenga, Konstantinos Arvanitis

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Amendment

2. Highlights that the 2020 budget should ***contribute towards achieving the Europe 2020 targets in the social and employment area, which seem to be within reach as regards the employment rate target but remain far from being achieved as regards the target of reducing the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion; stresses, in this regard, the need for comprehensive policy reforms and integrated approaches that combat youth and long-term unemployment and the often neglected issue of elderly employability;***

2. Highlights that the 2020 budget should ***contribute to the creation of jobs with rights and decent working conditions, better earnings and stable and regulated employment relationships and the fight against poverty, social exclusion and inequalities; stresses, in this regard, the urgent need for EU programmes and funds to prioritise projects that go in this direction; warns, however, that this is insufficient without a new strategy focusing on social progress and social justice and geared to economic, social and territorial cohesion, breaking away from right-wing policies and the restrictions imposed by the EU on the peoples of its Member States;***

Or. pt

Amendment 9
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
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2. Highlights that the 2020 budget should contribute towards achieving the Europe 2020 targets in the social and employment area, which seem to be within reach as regards the employment rate target but remain far from being achieved as regards the target of reducing the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion; stresses, in this regard, the need for comprehensive policy reforms and integrated approaches that combat youth and long-term unemployment and the often neglected issue of **elderly** employability;

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2. Highlights that the 2020 budget should contribute towards achieving the Europe 2020 targets in the social and employment area, which seem to be within reach as regards the employment rate target but remain far from being achieved as regards the target of reducing the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion; ***stresses that more and more working people are at risk of poverty, and that 20 million children in the EU are living in poverty and social exclusion;*** stresses, in this regard, the need for comprehensive policy reforms and integrated approaches that combat youth and long-term unemployment and the often neglected issue of ***the*** employability ***of the elderly and persons with disabilities;***

Or. It

Amendment 10
Cindy Franssen, Benoît Lutgen, Kris Peeters, Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander, Tomáš Zdechovský, Jeroen Lenaers

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2. Highlights that the 2020 budget should contribute towards achieving ***the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and*** the Europe 2020 targets in the social and employment area, which seem to be within reach as regards the employment rate target but remain far from being achieved as regards the target of reducing the number of people at risk of

for comprehensive policy reforms and integrated approaches that combat youth and long-term unemployment and the often neglected issue of elderly employability;

poverty or social exclusion; stresses, in this regard, the need for comprehensive policy reforms and integrated approaches that combat youth and long-term unemployment and the often neglected issue of elderly employability;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Samira Rafaela, Stéphane Bijoux, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Sylvie Brunet

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2. Highlights that the 2020 budget should contribute towards achieving the Europe 2020 targets in the social and employment area; ***notes that these targets*** seem to be within reach as regards the employment rate target but remain far from being achieved as regards the target of reducing the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion; stresses, in this regard, the need for comprehensive policy reforms and integrated approaches that ***strengthen social inclusion and*** combat youth and long-term unemployment and the often neglected issue of elderly employability;

Or. fr

Amendment 12

Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Alicia Homs Ginel, Pierfrancesco Majorino, Elisabetta Gualmini, Nicolas Schmit, Estrella Dura Ferrandis, Agnes Jongerius

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2. Highlights that the 2020 budget should contribute towards achieving the Europe 2020 targets in the social and employment area, which seem to be within reach as regards the employment rate target but remain far from being achieved as regards the target of reducing the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion; stresses, in this regard, the need for comprehensive policy reforms and integrated approaches that combat youth and long-term unemployment and the often neglected issue of elderly employability; ***highlights the need to progressively align the strategic orientation of EU policies and programmes with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the social agenda outlined by the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR), which should be fully integrated into the programming provisions of the EU Funds and the European Semester;***

Or. en

Amendment 13
Katrin Langensiepen

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and long-term unemployment and the often neglected issue of elderly employability;

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and for measures beyond labour market measures to reduce inequalities and poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Guido Reil

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3. ***Recognises the crucial role of*** the European Social Fund (ESF), the Youth Guarantee (YG), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in these areas should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets and that efficient and effective spending is equally as important as the total budget ceilings;

Amendment

3. ***Considers that the various funds promoting employment such as*** the European Social Fund (ESF), the Youth Guarantee (YG), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) ***play only a minimal role and cannot resolve structural problems; notes in this regard that, in structural terms, the ESF is entirely taken up with administrative procedures and achieves little by way of actual results; points out that the extensive and complex administrative requirements to be met by small organisations are very labour-intensive and time-consuming;*** highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in these areas should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets and that efficient and effective spending is equally as important as the total budget ceilings;

Or. de

Amendment 15
Sandra Pereira, Marc Botenga, Konstantinos Arvanitis

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3. Recognises the crucial role of the European Social Fund (ESF), the Youth Guarantee (YG), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in these areas should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets **and that efficient and effective spending is equally as important as the total budget ceilings**;

Amendment

3. Recognises the crucial role of the European Social Fund (ESF), the Youth Guarantee (YG), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) **in mitigating the adverse effects of an integration project such the European Union for the most vulnerable, for workers and at grass-roots level, especially in the Member States that have been the most weakened in economic and social terms; urges, therefore, that resources for these funds and programmes be stepped up**; highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in these areas should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets; **stresses, however, that many of the activities and measures supported by these funds and programmes are being compromised by the restrictions resulting from European economic governance**;

Or. pt

Amendment 16

Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Samira Rafaela, Stéphane Bijoux, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Sylvie Brunet

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Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in these areas should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets and that efficient and effective spending is equally as important as the total budget ceilings; ***recalls that these financial instruments must also support companies and workers in their transition to a digital and greener economy by improving education and training so that they can acquire the necessary skills and create new jobs in these sectors;***

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Katrin Langensiepen

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3. ***Underlines the importance of adequate funding for the programmes and initiatives within the 2014-2020 MFF that seek to address unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, and especially those aimed at the most disadvantaged in society, such as*** the crucial role of the European Social Fund (ESF), the Youth Guarantee (YG), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in these areas should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets and that efficient and effective spending is equally as important as the total budget

ceilings;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová

Draft opinion

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3. Recognises the crucial role of the European Social Fund (ESF), the Youth **Guarantee (YG)**, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in these areas should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets and that efficient and effective spending is equally as important as the total budget ceilings;

Amendment

3. Recognises the crucial role of the European Social Fund (ESF), the Youth **Employment Initiative (YEI)**, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in these areas should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets and that efficient and effective spending is equally as important as the total budget ceilings; ***underlines the importance of a real culture of “result orientation” aimed at optimising the use of funds, analysing the reasons leading to low-performance programmes and pushing for measures for improvement;***

Or. en

Amendment 19

Alex Agius Saliba

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Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in these areas should always result in **strategic** measures with clearly defined objectives and targets and that efficient and effective spending is equally as important as the total budget ceilings;

Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in these areas should always result in measures with clearly defined **social** objectives and targets **aimed at promoting inclusive growth, fighting poverty and social exclusion, reducing inequalities and boosting upward social convergence** and that efficient and effective spending is equally as important as the total budget ceilings;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Brando Benifei, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Dura Ferrandis, Pierfrancesco Majorino, Elisabetta Gualmini, Nicolas Schmit, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Leszek Miller, Alex Agius Saliba, Agnes Jongerius

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3. Recognises the crucial role of the European Social Fund (ESF), the Youth Guarantee (YG), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in these areas should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets and that efficient and effective spending is equally as important as the total budget ceilings;

Amendment

3. Recognises the crucial role of the European Social Fund (ESF), the Youth Guarantee (YG), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); **stresses the need for these programmes to receive an adequate level of funding in 2020 and until the entry into force of the next MFF programming phase, ensuring that no gap in the financing of such important instruments is ever to take place**; highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in these areas should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets and that efficient and effective spending is equally as important as the

total budget ceilings;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Alex Agius Saliba

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Reiterates that programming funds in the social and employment area should create synergies to help reduce social divergences and inequalities to make sure that no one is left behind in the process; stresses in this regard that the realities of the small labour markets, such as small Member States or remote regions, including the outermost regions as referred in Article 349 of the TFEU, must be taken into account when it comes to the financial contributions under these funds;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Brando Benifei, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Dura Ferrandis, Pierfrancesco Majorino, Elisabetta Gualmini, Nicolas Schmit, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Leszek Miller, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Highlights that the programming funds in the social and employment area should create synergies to help reduce social divergences and inequalities that have been exacerbated by the crisis; warns that any reductions in the budget for these areas will only create difficulties

for these policies to be effective and reach their targets;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Points out that the lack of future opportunities for young people is a very real social emergency in some regions and that this requires innovative and focused solutions, which can be promptly implemented, in order to bring concrete improvements in the short term; therefore expects the 2020 budget to continue demonstrating great ambition to fight youth unemployment;*

Or. en

Amendment 24
Brando Benifei, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Dura Ferrandis, Pierfrancesco Majorino, Elisabetta Gualmini, Nicolas Schmit, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Leszek Miller, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Stresses in particular the role of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) as an essential tool to fight youth unemployment, which remains unacceptably high and with significant disparities across the Member States; welcomes the commitment by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in her Political Guidelines to strengthen the*

Youth Guarantee by turning it into a permanent instrument with an increased budget and regular reporting; with regard to this, takes note of the Commission proposal to increase YEI allocations in 2020 by EUR 116 million, but considers such a figure insufficient; calls therefore for an increase of YEI payment appropriations by EUR 600 million;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Alex Agius Saliba

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. *Highlights that despite the positive trends towards a decline in youth unemployment rates in the European Union, young people are still at a higher risk of poverty and social and economic exclusion; reiterates the importance of programming funds that promote measures tackling inequalities and youth unemployment and calls for continued, increased and timely funding for young people through the Youth Guarantee, the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and the European Social Fund (ESF);*

Or. en

Amendment 26
Alex Agius Saliba

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. *Believes that in this regard the*

European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) must also reflect the realities of the small labour markets and small Member States' markets, in particular with regard to applications involving SMEs, and when the redundancies and job displacements have a serious impact on the employment rates and on the local or regional economy the provisions of that fund should come into effect;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Cindy Franssen, Benoît Lutgen, Kris Peeters, Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander, Tomáš Zdechovský, Jeroen Lenaers

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3d. Calls on the European Commission and the Member States to allow for the necessary flexibility in the implementation of the Union programmes for 2020, in particular the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, to cover the impact of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union on workers and entities established in the Member States; welcomes, in this regard, the Commission proposal to amend the scope of the current EGF programme to enable support to workers displaced as a result of disruptions caused by a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Sandra Pereira, Marc Botenga, Konstantinos Arvanitis

Draft opinion
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4. ***Acknowledges*** the forthcoming rationalisation of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD, the EaSI and the European Health Programme under the ESF+ ***as of*** 2021; calls on the Commission to present financial information in a manner that makes it comparable with performance information; ***expresses concerns on*** the substantial decrease (by EUR 5 million) proposed by the Council on the PROGRESS axis of EaSI; stresses, in this regard, that all legislative and budgetary revisions should be based on evidence, understanding of their impacts ***and in line with the better regulation agenda, as well as related recommendations of the European Court of Auditors***;

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4. ***Rejects*** the forthcoming rationalisation of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD, the EaSI and the European Health Programme under the ESF+ ***scheduled to run from*** 2021; calls on the Commission to present financial information in a manner that makes it comparable with performance information; ***disagrees with*** the substantial decrease (of EUR 5 million) proposed by the Council for the PROGRESS axis of the EaSI ***and recommends that its budget be at least equal to that proposed by the the European Commission***; stresses, in this context, that all legislative and budgetary revisions must be justified and based on an understanding of their repercussions;

Or. pt

Amendment 29
Guido Reil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. ***Acknowledges the forthcoming rationalisation of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD, the EaSI and the European Health Programme under the ESF+ as of 2021***; calls on the Commission to present financial information in a manner that makes it comparable with performance information; ***expresses concerns on*** the substantial decrease (by EUR 5 million) proposed by the Council on the PROGRESS axis of EaSI; stresses, in this regard, that all legislative and budgetary revisions should be based on evidence, understanding of their impacts

Amendment

4. ***Notes that the Commission is continuing to pursue this very policy regardless***; calls on the Commission to present financial information in a manner that makes it comparable with performance information; ***notes*** the substantial decrease (by EUR 5 million) proposed by the Council on the PROGRESS axis of EaSI; stresses, in this regard, that all legislative and budgetary revisions should be based on evidence, understanding of their impacts and in line with the better regulation agenda, as well as related recommendations of the European Court of

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Auditors;

Or. de

Amendment 30

Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová

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4. Acknowledges the forthcoming rationalisation of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD, the EaSI and the European Health Programme under the ESF+ as of 2021; calls on the Commission to present financial information in a manner that makes it comparable with performance information; expresses concerns on the substantial decrease (by EUR 5 million) proposed by the Council on the PROGRESS axis of EaSI; stresses, in this regard, that all legislative and budgetary revisions should be based on evidence, understanding of their impacts **and** in line with the better regulation agenda, **as well as** related recommendations of the European Court of Auditors;

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Or. en

Amendment 31

Cindy Franssen, Benoît Lutgen, Kris Peeters, Pascal Arimont, Anne Sander, Tomáš Zdechovský

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4. Acknowledges the forthcoming **streamlining** of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD, the EaSI and the European Health Programme under the ESF+ as of 2021; **reiterates its position to increase the ESF+ to EUR 120 457 000 000 in current prices under the MFF 2021-2027**; calls on the Commission to present financial information in a manner that makes it comparable with performance information; expresses concerns on the substantial decrease (by EUR 5 million) proposed by the Council on the PROGRESS axis of EaSI; stresses, in this regard, that all legislative and budgetary revisions should be based on evidence, understanding of their impacts and in line with the better regulation agenda, as well as related recommendations of the European Court of Auditors;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Brando Benifei, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Dura Ferrandis, Pierfrancesco Majorino, Elisabetta Gualmini, Nicolas Schmit, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Agnes Jongerius

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4. Acknowledges the forthcoming **integration** of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD, the EaSI and the European Health Programme **within** the ESF+ as of 2021; calls on the Commission to present financial information **and budgetary allocations** in a manner that makes **ESF+ figures and thematic concentrations** comparable **with the current envelopes of the above mentioned programmes, as well as** with performance information; expresses concerns on the substantial

revisions should be based on evidence, understanding of their impacts and in line with the better regulation agenda, as well as related recommendations of the European Court of Auditors;

decrease (by EUR 5 million) proposed by the Council on the PROGRESS axis of EaSI; stresses, in this regard, that all legislative and budgetary revisions should be based on evidence, understanding of their impacts and in line with the better regulation agenda, as well as related recommendations of the European Court of Auditors;

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Katrin Langensiepen

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4. Acknowledges the forthcoming **rationalisation** of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD, the EaSI and the European Health Programme under the ESF+ as of 2021; calls on the Commission to present financial information in a manner that makes **it** comparable **with performance information; expresses concerns on** the substantial decrease (by EUR 5 million) proposed by the Council on the PROGRESS axis of EaSI; stresses, in this regard, that all legislative and budgetary revisions should be based on evidence, understanding of their impacts and in line with the better regulation agenda, as well as related recommendations of the European Court of Auditors;

Amendment

4. Acknowledges the forthcoming **merger** of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD, the EaSI and the European Health Programme under the ESF+ as of 2021; calls on the Commission to present financial information in a manner that makes **performance** comparable **between current programmes and the subheadings in ESF+; rejects** the substantial decrease (by EUR 5 million) proposed by the Council on the PROGRESS axis of EaSI; stresses, in this regard, that all legislative and budgetary revisions should be based on evidence, understanding of their impacts and in line with the better regulation agenda, as well as related recommendations of the European Court of Auditors;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Sandra Pereira, Konstantinos Arvanitis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Expresses its concern at the low take-up of EU funds and programmes; considers that it would be significantly leveraged if support was stepped up for public structures providing technical assistance, if co-funding was increased and if public investment financed by EU funds and programmes was excluded from budget deficit criteria;

Or. pt

Amendment 35
Alex Agius Saliba

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Strongly encourages all investments in the adoption of new technologies in all sectors of the economy and industrial production with a particular attention given to specific programmes aimed at accelerating timely transition of the workforce and restricting the potentially harmful side effects of such transition, such as structural unemployment, growing income inequality or regional and territorial disparities;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Believes that the principle of European added value should represent the cornerstone of all future expenditure; stresses that Union funding should, therefore, reflect a performance-based public budgeting model in which each budget line is accompanied by measurable objectives and outputs; underlines, in this respect, the importance of accountability and transparency for bodies that receive EU funding;*

Or. en

Amendment 37

Samira Rafaela, Yana Toom, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Acknowledges efforts to make the procedures to claim the funds in the 2020 budget more transparent and accessible; emphasises, in this regard, that more work has to be done, in particular, to improve access to funds for the overseas countries and territories, which are often overlooked and which possess limited administrative resources and expertise due to their special status and size;*

Or. en

Amendment 38

Brando Benifei, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Dura Ferrandis, Pierfrancesco Majorino, Elisabetta Gualmini, Nicolas Schmit, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Alex Agius Saliba, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2020 general budget, **including** future skills policies and measures to support labour **market transition** and better adjustment to demographic change, particularly by improved integration of **potentially** vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

Amendment

5. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints, **which should be overcome with an ambitious investment strategy to re-launch the European economy in the aftermath of the economic crisis**, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2020 general budget, **especially when it comes to policies capable of supporting sustainable economic growth and quality employment creation, such as** future skills **policies, vocational and educational training (VET), upskilling and reskilling** policies and measures to support labour **markets** and better adjustment to demographic change, particularly by improved integration of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Samira Rafaela, Stéphane Bijoux, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Sylvie Brunet

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2020 general budget, including future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, particularly by improved integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

Amendment

5. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2020 general budget, including future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, particularly by improved integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market; **calls, therefore, on the Member States and the Commission to make the fight against youth unemployment their priority, and to make full use of financial instruments, such as**

the Youth Guarantee and EU programmes such as Erasmus+, to promote the employment and employability of young people;

Or. fr

Amendment 40
Lukas Mandl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2020 general budget, including future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, particularly by improved integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

Amendment

5. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2020 general budget, including future skills policies, ***vocational education and training*** and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, particularly by improved integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 41
José Manuel Fernandes

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2020 general budget, including future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, particularly by improved integration of potentially

Amendment

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vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

Or. pt

Amendment 42
Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2020 general budget, including future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, particularly by improved integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

Amendment

5. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2020 general budget, including future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, particularly by improved integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market ***and by the implementation of integration and poverty reduction measures***;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2020 general budget, including future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, particularly by improved integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the

Amendment

5. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2020 general budget, including future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, particularly by improved integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, ***the***

labour market;

elderly and persons with disabilities in the
labour market;

Or. lt

Amendment 44
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

**5a. Stresses the need to adopt
measures aimed at reducing the gender
pay and employment gap;**

Or. lt

Amendment 45
Yana Toom, Anna Júlia Donáth, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Abir Al-Sahlani

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

**5a. Deplores that more than a quarter
of all children in the EU are at risk of
poverty or social exclusion; stresses the
importance of Child Guarantee to ensure
that living conditions and opportunities of
millions of children in Europe would
improve considerably; calls for a pilot
project to remedy the situation of Roma
children by helping schools to become
engines of their social inclusion;**

Or. en

Amendment 46
**Brando Benifei, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Dura Ferrandis, Pierfrancesco Majorino,
Elisabetta Gualmini, Nicolas Schmit, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Leszek Miller, Alex Agius**

Saliba, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Awaits the publication of the feasibility study on the Child Guarantee; calls on the Commission to fully take into consideration the proposals for implementation of the Preparatory Actions on the Child Guarantee, adopted in the annual budgets 2017, 2018 and 2019, which go beyond the feasibility study and which have a level of funding which will allow the implementation of a proper experimental phase of the Child Guarantee in the next programming period 2021-2027; with regard to this, welcomes the Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's commitment in her Political Guidelines to create the European Child Guarantee in order to help ensure that every child in Europe at risk of poverty or social exclusion has access to the most basic set of rights like healthcare and education;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Brando Benifei, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Dura Ferrandis, Pierfrancesco Majorino, Elisabetta Gualmini, Nicolas Schmit, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Leszek Miller, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Call for adequate funding for EURES operations to be ensured in 2020, in particular stresses that the entry into force of the European Labour Authority (ELA) should not result in a reduction of resources and capabilities for EURES,

which plays a pivotal role in facilitating labour mobility of Union citizens and offers services and partnerships for jobseekers and employers, Public Employment Services (PES), the social partners and the local authorities; insists that the ELA, being a new body, requires fresh resources to run smoothly; highlights therefore the need for maintaining clear and separate budget lines for both ELA and EURES;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Brando Benifei, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Dura Ferrandis, Pierfrancesco Majorino, Elisabetta Gualmini, Nicolas Schmit, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5d. Recalls that the EU is in a context of near-stagnation and insufficient wage growth and that both the Commission and the ECB recommend a general increase in wages and an improvement in the quality of employment; stresses, furthermore, that the budget lines supporting the European social dialogue and measures for the social partners are of prime importance when it comes to strengthening the social partners' involvement, for example in the European Semester and in the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, and therefore calls for increased appropriations as regards industrial relations and social dialogue; highlights that well-functioning industrial relations systems have a positive impact on productivity, employment creation and maintenance, jobs quality and decent wages;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Johan Danielsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Recalls that in an environment of stagnating wages, taking into account that both the Commission and the ECB have recommended a general increase in wages and a general improvement in the quality of employment, it is key to further strengthen social dialogue across Europe to balance industrial relations; stresses that workers' participation and inclusion in company matters have a significantly positive impact on productivity, employees' health and well-being, jobs quality and decent wages;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Guido Reil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Welcomes the policy developments in the area of employment and social affairs during the 8th legislature, but emphasises that the policy initiatives need proper and timely funding to become operational;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 51
Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Welcomes the policy developments in the area of employment and social affairs during the 8th legislature, but emphasises that the policy initiatives need proper and timely funding to become operational;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the policy developments in the area of employment and social affairs during the 8th legislature, but emphasises that the policy initiatives need proper and timely funding to become operational; ***reminds of the creation of the European Labour Authority, which is expected to begin operating in 2019; highlights the need to provide for additional funding to ensure that sufficient financial resources are set aside for its establishment; insists that this funding cannot be accomplished by redeploying allocations from the other employment and social affairs agencies;***

Or. en

Amendment 52

Yana Toom, Anna Júlia Donáth, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Abir Al-Sahlani

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Welcomes the policy developments in the area of employment and social affairs during the 8th legislature, but emphasises that the policy initiatives need proper and timely funding to become operational;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the policy developments in the area of employment and social affairs during the 8th legislature, but emphasises that the policy initiatives need proper, ***adequate*** and timely funding to become operational;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Guido Reil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. ***Highlights the important contribution of the agencies in dealing with a wide range of employment, social issues and data collection; stresses that their tasks are developing and hence they must be given the necessary resources to fulfil them;*** therefore calls for a thorough assessment of the ***new*** tasks assigned to the agencies and of their overall performance, with a view to ensuring appropriate and efficient budgetary allocations only;

Amendment

8. ***Points out that the overlapping powers and responsibilities of the various agencies regarding employment issues, working conditions and vocational training are not particularly effective;*** therefore calls for a thorough assessment of the tasks assigned to the agencies and of their overall performance, with a view to ensuring appropriate and efficient budgetary allocations only;

Or. de

Amendment 54
Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Highlights the important contribution of the agencies in dealing with a wide range of employment, social issues and data collection; stresses that their tasks are developing and ***hence*** they must be given the necessary resources to fulfil ***them; therefore calls for a thorough assessment of the new tasks assigned to the agencies and of their overall performance, with a view to ensuring appropriate and efficient budgetary allocations only;***

Amendment

8. Highlights the important contribution of the agencies in dealing with a wide range of employment, social issues and data collection; stresses that their tasks are developing and ***growing constantly and that*** they must ***therefore*** be given the necessary resources to fulfil ***their*** tasks ***and ensure the best possible results in support of EU legislative and policy objectives;***

Or. en

Amendment 55
Brando Benifei, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Dura Ferrandis, Pierfrancesco Majorino, Elisabetta Gualmini, Nicolas Schmit, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Reiterates that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs) are very valuable tools to initiate new activities and policies in the fields of employment and social inclusion and ***could be used for data and evidence collection in order to improve future Union employment policies;***

Amendment

9. Reiterates that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs) are very valuable tools to initiate new activities and policies in the fields of employment and social inclusion and ***that several ideas of the EMPL Committee have been implemented successfully in the past as PPs/PAs; encourages the full use of the margins available under each heading;***

Or. en

Amendment 56
Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Reiterates that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs) are very valuable tools to initiate new activities and policies in the fields of employment and social inclusion and could be used for data and evidence collection in order to improve future Union employment policies;

Amendment

9. Reiterates that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs), ***if they are carefully prepared,*** are very valuable tools to initiate new activities and policies in the fields of employment and social inclusion and could be used for data and evidence collection in order to improve future Union employment policies;

Or. cs

Amendment 57
Yana Toom, Anna Júlia Donáth, Sylvie Brunet, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Abir Al-Sahlani

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Reiterates that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs) are very valuable tools to initiate new activities and policies in the fields of employment and social inclusion and could be used for data and evidence collection in order to improve future Union employment policies;

Amendment

9. Reiterates that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs) are very valuable tools to initiate new activities and policies in the fields of employment, ***in particular enhancing youth employment***, and social inclusion and could be used for data and evidence collection in order to improve future Union employment policies;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission, when assessing pilot projects and preparatory actions, to place emphasis on their originality and the possibility of their subsequent adaptation;

Or. cs

Amendment 59
Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

Amendment

10. Recalls that it is paramount for Parliament to be given regular updates on the various stages of the implementation of pilot projects and preparatory actions by the Commission, including proper evaluation of the results and their added

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value to the European citizens.

value to the European citizens; ***emphasises the importance of a transparent approach by the Commission when assessing pilot projects and preparatory actions;***

Or. en

Amendment 60
Lukas Mandl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Reiterates the importance of vocational education and training in the age of digitalisation and welcomes the increased funding for the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training; calls on the Commission to explore further opportunities to support vocational education and training programmes, especially in the areas of software development and information technologies;

Or. en